

struck down at a very young age, which is around the age of two of my children.

The investigation into the shooting has begun, but the life of a brave 23-year-old is already taken. I ask my colleagues to remember Officer Ridley, who was posthumously promoted to detective, and also remember so many others for the brave sacrifice they make each and every day protecting us and our communities.

We must always remember those in law enforcement for the difficult job they are called to do each and every day.

May Detective Ridley always be remembered for his brave commitment to maintaining the peace and keeping us safe.

#### RECOGNIZING PERIANESTHESIA NURSE AWARENESS WEEK

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise and recognize the efforts of the Nation's more than 57,000 perianesthesia nurses. This week is PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week, a week that is dedicated each year to celebrating the important work that perianesthesia nurses do.

America's perianesthesia nurses practice in all phases of preanesthesia and postanesthesia care, ambulatory surgery, pain management, and special procedure areas.

The theme of this year's awareness week is "Advocacy." The American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses has designated advocacy as this year's theme in recognition of how the depth and breadth of perianesthesia nursing meets the varied health care needs of the American population in a broad range of nursing environments.

The American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, which represents the perianesthesia nurses of this country, strives to advance nursing practice through education, research, and standards. The important work of perianesthesia nurses is best exemplified by their commitment to quality health care and the safety of patients in both hospital and ambulatory surgery settings.

Our Nation's demand for perianesthesia nurses will increase in the coming years as the American population ages, as we make new advances in medicine that prolong life, and as we continue to witness the meteoric expansion of home health care services. Perianesthesia nurses play a vital role in the operation and success of our Nation's health care system.

I ask my colleagues and my fellow Americans to join me in honoring the perianesthesia nurses who care so unselfishly and professionally for us all. The work they do happens every day all year round, and I hope they receive our appreciation on more than just this special week in their honor.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### BUSH BUDGET ZEROES SCAAP FUNDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. GIFFORDS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. GIFFORDS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I would like to take a few minutes for folks here in Washington to focus on southern Arizona. There, along 114 miles of border in my district, Federal, State, county, and local law enforcement are on the front lines defending our border.

Arizona faces unimaginable immigration and border security challenges. Last year, over 387,000 illegal immigrants were apprehended in Arizona, and an average of 1,000 illegal immigrants per day were arrested and deported from Tucson.

The Tucson sector, which includes my district, is the most porous section along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border. More than 48 percent of the Nation's drug traffic enters our country through southern Arizona.

This Monday, the President released his fiscal year 2009 budget proposal, and once again his budget failed to include any funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, also known as SCAAP.

The President refuses to recognize the importance of SCAAP funds. Without this funding, States and localities will be financially overwhelmed by costs that are the Federal Government's sole responsibility.

Securing our Nation's borders is this government's priority, in my opinion. However, communities through southern Arizona and the Nation face extraordinary costs that are unfortunately being carried by them for incarcerating undocumented immigrants.

Because of limited Federal contributions, the bulk of these costs are being borne by some very small counties. Some of these counties are also some of the poorest in the Nation. They are currently already operating under very slim budgets and staffing. This is why it is so important and so appropriate that the Federal funding be included.

SCAAP was created by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. It is designed to reimburse States and local municipalities for the arrest, incarceration, and transportation costs associated with illegal immigrants who commit crimes in our communities.

Under Federal law, the Federal Government has two options. It can either take undocumented criminals into Federal custody or it can compensate State and local jurisdictions.

We are facing an immigration crisis here in Arizona. We are underfunding SCAAP, and the President is continuing to overburden our State and local governments. He is hampering the State's ability to protect our communities and uphold our laws.

SCAAP funding is particularly important to communities like Bisbee and Douglas and Sierra Vista, those communities along the 2,000 miles of our southern borders, those States and local governments that incur greater costs than other jurisdictions.

Over the past several years, these communities have exceeded SCAAP reimbursement funding by hundreds of millions of dollars. In fact, most counties along the U.S.-Mexico border are currently being reimbursed less than 9 percent of their cost.

Just today, Mr. Speaker, in our Western Hemisphere Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I heard from a number of Federal agencies about the President's Merida Initiative.

I believe it is unacceptable that the President would refuse to reimburse our local law enforcement agencies, while asking Congress to spend \$1.44 billion in assistance to Mexico and Central America. We need to invest our dollars in local law enforcement before we spend billions of dollars across the border. We have to prioritize the safety of our American communities first. We have to take the appropriate steps to ensure that SCAAP funding is in place, especially to border States like Arizona, and that it remains a Federal priority.

I urge my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle to reject the President's cuts to SCAAP funding. Arizona, like many States, is currently facing a budget shortfall. Every dollar reduction in SCAAP reimbursement means a dollar less in Arizona or another State that they can spend on essential public safety services. So please join me in supporting our State and local law enforcement agencies by adequately funding the SCAAP program in the House fiscal year 2009 budget.

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#### SUNSET MEMORIAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, it is February 7, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave; and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless, unborn children were killed by abortion on demand, and that's just today. That is more than the number of innocent American lives that we lost on September 11, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,799 days since the tragic judicial fiat called *Roe v. Wade* was handed down. Since then the very foundation of this Nation has